

Appl. No. 09/420,092
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Reply to Office Action of March 5, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

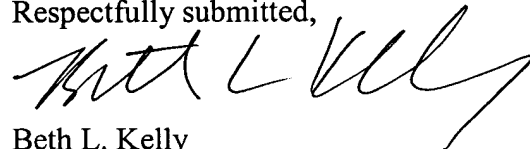
In response to the Office Communication dated March 5, 2004, applicants resubmit the corrected section of a non-compliant amendment, *i.e.*, the "Amendments to the claims" section. Applicants also assert that, although the Office Action has a mailing date of March 5, 2004, it was not received by Applicants' representative until April 9, 2004. Thus, the requirement for extension fees is improper, as are any adjustments to patent term based on the extension of time.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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